

## Arlington Cultural Council Minutes

June 11, 2018, 7:30-9pm

Town Hall Annex, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room

Attendance:

Member Name	Present?	Member Name	Present?
Kimberley Harding, Co-Chair	no	Asia Kepka	no
David Harris, Publicity Coordinator	Aft. 8pm	Lisbet Taylor, Co-Chair	Yes
Becky Holmes-Farley, Corresponding Secretary	Yes	Jeff Timperi, Treasurer	Yes

The meeting was called to order at 7:35p.

1. Approval of previous meeting minutes – deferred to July meeting.
2. Treasurer's Report: Robbins and Delvena grant agreements came in.  
Agreement paperwork still missing: Pathways; Claudia Donnet (reminded several times); and Courtney Sundell (had explained to liaison that she is awaiting pick of artist).  
True Story owes an RFP for last year's extended grant, which is now complete. Kimberley is liaison for that.
3. Corresponding Secretary/Grantee Status: No changes to report.
4. Update on former "Gold Star Award" recognition for "Talking Chair" – Becky: Emily told her "she was working on changes that would allow it [the Chair] to work more autonomously and with more directional audio." "She suggested that maybe, once she'd done that it would be better suited for the Rockport venue." Its next installation was planned for the Children's Room at Robbins Library.  
  
MCC's Lisa Simmons told Becky that Gold Star awards have been discontinued, perhaps to be replaced by something else, and that "MCC is interested in hearing about what exciting things grantees are doing." She invited Becky "to provide her with a little more information about 'Talking Chair'" and Becky did so.
5. Discussion re use of \$5,000 granted to ACC from Town through ACAC: Lisbet attended the June 7 ACAC meeting. ACAC has suggested that ACC's \$5,000 be used for a larger grant, decided upon jointly by ACAC (which includes ACC), with a different set of guidelines, and in keeping with ACAC's Fiscal Year (July 1-June 30), not ACC's calendar year. Dave stated that this money's original purpose in preliminary

ACAC meetings was to serve as augmentation of MCC's allotment to ACC. The new suggestion was therefore questioned and it was felt that clear and clarifying communication between ACAC and all members of ACC was the next step. Lisbet will invite Adria and Stephanie to the July 9 ACC meeting.

6. TOWN DAY: Signing up through ACAC? (Deadline: July 18, 2018, 4pm w/payment). Lisbet reported on her notes from the ACAC June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting: **Town Day – Amy Mongeau (webmaster) in charge of layout of booth. Launch the website in a big way.**

**Possible ideas:** Put 3 tents together.

- **RECREATE WEBSITE** "ArtsArlington.org" sections under the tents: i.e. Grants & Resources; Cultural District; Public Art; Grants via banners.

- **Giveaways** – artsarlington.org (yoyos, stress balls, jar openers; pizza cutters; Kid-friendly activity crayons/coloring book, put together by 3 or 4 people who design a page each, with "artsarlington.org" on the book/crayons.

**BUDGET:** from Mktg & Eval. Line item \$2,500 + \$45 booth fee line item – It was voted that the **budget would be up to \$500, plus the booth fee of \$45.**

July 18<sup>th</sup> is deadline for booth application and fee: Adria and Stephanie will submit. Stephanie stated the location would once again be near the Aeronaut Beer Garden.

Becky and Jeff suggested we have an ACAC member attend our meetings to have an open line of communication.

We need to exchange meeting minutes as well – ACAC and ACC. It was felt that ACC should be a part of the decision-making process.

7. "Art in Windows" Initiative update – Deferred, as Asia was absent. David reported on a conversation with Cecily Miller, who told him that she knows, from long association, that Adria has been working for years to do an arts in windows project.

8. Migration from Dropbox to Googledocs – Dave: Dropbox had been alerting us to upgrade, as photos and media were using a lot of space. Therefore Dave left current documents in Dropbox while easily transferring older items to a folder on Googledocs.

9. Email exchange re "Ripple" installation – Lisbet reported on 2 separate email exchanges through the ACCChair email.

a) Father reporting that his son's and friends' play structure beneath a tree associated with "Ripple" was dismantled when "Ripple" was installed and the children felt 'crushed.'

b) Frequent user of bikepath felt public art should be limited to 1 day or so and not on the bikeway, that is through a natural setting. He felt the stenciled words were inappropriate and 'graffiti;' that he wanted the choice of attending an art exhibit or not. Lisbet told him she would forward his comments, while also sending him links explaining ACA & the Cultural District, and the bikeway's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Lisbet acknowledged both emails and sent them on to Cecily Miller and Adria Arch of Arlington Public Art. Cecily emailed that she happened to have met the mother of the child and had explained to her that the site had been chosen long before the children's structure was built, and how it represented the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bikepath and its relation to the Cultural District.

Re the second email: Cecily thought out loud that going forward, perhaps such measures as using chalk paint for wording would be more temporary; that she had received numerous positive responses in person to “Ripples” and that oftentimes people tended not to comment in writing about their positive experiences of public art.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

## GRANTEE GRID

Grantee	Project Title	Award	Liaison	Date	W-9	Grant Agrmt	Final Rept	Notes
<b>Arlington Center for the Arts</b>	I'm New Here: Perspectives on Migration	\$800	Becky	No date certain -- Fall 2018	yes	yes		
Arlington Center for the Arts	Artist Survival Series	\$500	Becky	3/10&24;4/14	yes	yes	YES	At Old Schwamb Mill. Completed programs. 55 artists attended and two additional artists were involved. “Very well received,” Becky.
<b>Arlington Cultural Council</b>	Art in Windows Initiative	\$793	Asia	May-Dec.	Yes	yes		4 adults + 2 teenagers
Arlington Philharmonic Soc.	Almost-Spring Concert	\$1,000	Dave	Mar. 11	yes	yes		Project completed; awaiting final report.
<b>Arlington Public Art</b>	Pathways: Art on the Minuteman Bikeway	\$1,000	Dave	April-Nov 2018	yes	yes		
<b>Claudia Donnet</b>	Middle Eastern Dance	\$600	Jeff	Fall 2018				Pprwk outstanding
<b>Courtney Sundell</b>	Public Art at Magnolia Park	\$500	Kimberley	Summer 2018				Outstanding – waiting to hire artists. Call for artists is out.
<b>Cyrus Dallin Art Museum</b>	Restoration and Unveiling	\$1,000	Kimberley	Jan-June	?	?		Restoration is going well. Talk in June. Booked Lyons Room at ATH.
Dan Fox	Workshop and Jam Session	\$1,500	Jeff	Apr. 28-29	yes	yes	?	Project completed; awaiting final report.
<b>Delvena Theatre</b>	Isabella	\$400	Lisbet	Nov. 8	yes	yes		[Outstanding - LT emailed her grant agreement 2/26, at her request.] Docs received.
Emily Calvin-Bottis	Talking Chair	\$774	Kimberley	Month of April -- opening: 4/5	yes	yes	?	All things going well. 20 poets have contacted them. Opening: April 5: 3-3:30p. On display month of April. Project Complete.
[Family Folk Chorale]	[Family Folk Chorale]	[\$750]	Jeff	--	--	--	--	Revised project DECLINED.
Gail McCormick	Our Changing Town	\$800	Lisbet	Mar 20-Apr 26 -Reception March 22	yes	yes	YES	Reception: March 22 – ATH 2 <sup>nd</sup> Flr., 5-7p .
<b>Marion Carroll</b>	Music to Cure MS	\$500	Asia	10/28	yes	yes		Park Ave. Congregational, Arlington

<b>Paul Marotta</b>	Arlington Seniors Story Wall	\$1,500	Asia	10/22/18	yes	yes		Monday <b>10/22</b> is new date. Up for 2 months.
<b>Robbins Library</b>	Arlington Author Salon	\$900	Asia	Quarterly				Asia w/contact re forms
Thompson School PTO	Art of Ancient Greece and Rome	\$595	Dave	Jan-2018	yes	yes	YES	Project Completed.
Tommy Rull	A Musical Journey Through the Years	\$150	Becky	March 29	yes	yes	YES	Completed. Final Report Received. 22 attendees at Senior Center, mostly women. Well received.
<b>True Story Inc.</b>	The Listening Project	\$1,000	Lisbet	Spring 2018 (4 events) 4/17; 5/16; <b>7/11</b>	yes	yes		Last year's final event postponed to May 1 <sup>st</sup> due to 3 <sup>rd</sup> Nor'easter; 4/17 Robbins 7pm; 5/16 ATH, 7pm; <b>7/11 Robbins</b>

Next ACC Meeting: Monday, July 9, 2018